The Amateur Sweepstakes ribbon was taken by Mr. Philo with 23 blue ribbons.

The Commercial Sweepstakes ribbon was taken by Mr. Tom Hudson with 14 blue ribbons.

Orlando - Mid-Florida Chapter:

The annual show of the Mid-Florida Chapter, A.H.S. was held on September 7th, 1958 in the gymnasium of Memorial Junior High School in Orlando. The gym was transformed into a lovely garden featuring blooming hibiscus plants and over 300 other tropical plants were used. Gateway to the Moon was the show theme, using a missile heading for the moon---the moon being done with Seniorita hibiscus.

Both amateur and commercial divisions were well filled; also the educational division in both artistic and horticulture. Exhibits from our sister chapters of Palatka, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and a display from Winter Garden helped to make this show a success.

The Tri-color and Mid-Florida plaque, in the amateur division, for the best bloom in the show, was won by Capt. & Mrs. A. D. Sanders of Ocoee, Fla, with their Lamberti. They also won the Sweepstakes for the most blue ribbons in their division.

The Tricolor and Mid-Florida plaque in the commercial division, was taken by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Johnson of Orlando, with their Ruffled Beauty. There was a tie in the commercial division Sweepstakes between Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Hudson of Daytona Beach and Mrs. M. W. McKnight of Jacksonville.

In the artistic division, senior class, Mrs. I. C. Claire took the Tri-color; Mrs. Homer Jones was named Sweepstakes winner. In the junior section, Arlan Toy was the winner of the Tri-color with his Little Dipper arrangement.

Much credit goes to Mr. Jack Rothfuss, who was presented with the Award of Merit for his beautiful staging of the show. An Award of Merit was also given to Mrs. Christine MacMillen and Mr. LaVerne Terry for their Educational displays.

Mrs. Dorothy Brinkman was responsible for the delicious luncheon that was served to the judges, guests and workers of the show. Chairman and Co-chairman were Mrs. K. M. Denman and Mrs. A. D. Sanders.

Tropical Hibiscus:

Mrs. Lillian Rearick of Miami Shores won a sterling silver tray as the Trophy Award of the Tropical Hibiscus Chapter for the best bloom in the show, a "Mandalay" measuring seven inches in diameter.

Other award winners were: Mrs. Ailene Craig, Fort Myers, sweepstakes winner with thirteen blue ribbons, Tri-color award and runners-up were: Floton Nursery, Miami, winning bloom, "Mrs. Daniels;" Alex Barthe, Miami, winning bloom, "Veronica;" Miss Helen Johnson, Ft. Myers, winning bloom "Jim Hendry;" W. Bruce Parnell, Miami Shores, winning bloom "Helen Champion," one of his own seedlings.

Tri-color and sweepstakes winner in the Design Division was Mrs. Goodyear Sicard, Miami Beach.

Indian River:

"Hibiscus - The Tropical Queen" was the name of the Indian River Chapter show.

Mrs. Thomas King of Vero Beach won the sweepstakes with 25 blue ribbons. Best double was won by Mrs. P. L. Hooter of Vero Beach with a "Veronica." Best single was a "Ross Estey" exhibited by Mrs. King.

In the artistic arrangement division Mrs. G. F. Reynolds, Jr., won the tri-color for her "Florida Gold Coast" entry.

Mrs. R. D. Rook was general chairman for the show and schedule chairmen were Mrs. H. B. Moore, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Carlton, while the staging for artistry had been planned by Mrs. T. B. Gilbert, Mrs. Earl Haisley, and Mrs. A.R. Burdge. Staging for horticulture was in charge of Mrs. G. B. Hallstrom, Mrs. J. E. Palmer and Mrs. W. E. Zachow.

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